

**Frankford Arsenal, Building 308**

North side of Laidley Road between Walbach Street  
and Eakin Street  
Philadelphia  
Philadelphia County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: North side of Laidley Road between Walbach Street and Eakin Street  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1941

Significance: Building 308 is associated with the large scale expansion of Frankford Arsenal, the U.S. Army's principal manufacturer of small arms ammunition, during World War II.

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## HISTORY

Building 308 was constructed in 1941 for use as a warehouse. By 1955, it was used as a storehouse by the Supply Branch. Its most recent use was as a general purpose warehouse.

## DESCRIPTION

One-story steel frame building with brick walls and brick quoins on a concrete foundation on steel pilings, measuring approximately 62 feet by 322 feet. The gable roof is covered with slate and has sixteen ventilators along the ridge. Overhead freight doors are located in the east and west facades. A concrete loading platform and railroad siding abut the north facade, while three concrete loading platforms are located on the south facade. The interior space is generally clear except for the rooms at the west end and the brick posts supporting a traveling crane. The Paul H. Harris Co. traveling crane was installed in 1962.

## SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal," West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979.

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